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1. REFERENCED MESSAGES PERTAIN TO FIVE CASES (THREE
RENEWAL AND TWO NEW) FOR "DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING"
CASES UNDER FMS--THAT IS CASES FOR WHICH CASH IS PAID IN
ADVANCE TO BE DRAWN UPON AS PROGRAMS ARE DEVELOPED.
THEY ARE (A) \$2450 FOR RENEWAL OF "SOAP SAMPLING
SERVICES" TO TEST FOR METAL FILINGS IN AIRCRAFT
LUBRICATING OIL, AN ESSENTIAL SAFETY MEASURE
FOR RECIPROCATING ENGINE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS
(CASE YAA); (B) \$10,000 FOR RENEWAL OF PROGRAM
FOR "CALIBRATION OF TEST EQUIPMENT" PRIMARILY
FOR AIR FORCE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TESTING (CASE YAB);
(C) \$200,000 FOR "OPEN END PARTS" FOR AIRCRAFT
AND MAINTENANCE SHOPS FOR US-PROVIDED AIRCRAFT
(CASE RAC); (D) \$8000 FOR AIR FORCE TRAINING AIDS AND
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TRAINING DEVICES (CASE ES-D-EAA) AND (E) \$20,000
FOR LOGISTICS MTT'S FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY
OPERATIONS ALSO FOR US-PROVIDED AIRCRAFT (CASE ES-D-TAG).
IN REF A EMBASSY REFERRED THESE CASES TO STATE
DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE FACE OF SALVADORAN
RENUNCIATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE, WITH THE
RECOMMENDATION THAT ACTION ON THESE REQUESTS BE HELD

UP PENDING CLARIFICATION OF FUTURE OF MILITARY GROUP UNDER NEW US LAW AND OF STATUS OF SECURITY TREATIES WITH EL SALVADOR. IF THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WERE TO BE CONTINUED THE NEED FOR A REQUEST FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY "IN FORMAL WRITTEN FORMAT" TO MAINTAIN "EQUAL DIGNITY" WAS BROUGHT UP.

2. TIME HAS PASSED AND NO GUIDANCE HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING ON THESE ISSUES. WE MUST PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE SALVADORAN MILITARY'S REQUEST SO THAT OTHER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IF OUR RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE. THESE ARE CASH PROGRAMS WHICH WE STILL BELIEVE COULD BE APPROVED EVEN THOUGH SALVADORAN RENUNCIATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE HAD NOT BEEN REVERSED. A "YES" OR "NO" RESPONSE IS ESPECIALLY NEEDED ON THE "SOAP SAMPLING" AND "TEST EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION" SERVICES, REFUSAL OR DRAGGING OUT OF WHICH WOULD CRITICALLY AFFECT THE OPERATIONAL READINESS OF THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE, ESPECIALLY THE AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE, AND COULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO LOSS OF EQUIPMENT AND HUMAN LIFE.

3. WE STILL BELIEVE, IF US RESPONSE MIGHT BE FAVORABLE ON ANY OF THESE FIVE REQUESTS, THAT THE GOES SHOULD FORMALLY REQUEST APPROVAL IN WRITING FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EMBASSY. THE CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS
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SITUATION WOULD JUSTIFY THIS EXTENT OF RETURN OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE. SUCH A FORMAL REQUEST COULD BE A FIRST STEP TO FULL RESTORAL OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE SHOULD THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS LATER SO INDICATE.

4. EARLY DECISION ON THE BROADER ISSUES OF TREATY COMMITMENTS AND OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE POLICY FOR EL SALVADOR, OR SEPARATELY ON THESE MORE SPECIFIC "DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING" CASES EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP, IS URGED SO THAT SOME REASONABLE AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE CAN BE MADE TO SALVADORAN AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES ON THESE REQUESTS.
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